

TRACY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AUGUST 2025

2025-2026 SPOTLIGHT

LEARNING AS A
LIFESTYLE

**** School will start on Tuesday September 2, 2025 this Fall****

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“Tracy Area Public Schools offer all the advantages of a large school in a small school environment”



Greetings from Tracy Area Public Schools,

I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve as the superintendent of Tracy Area Public Schools. Tracy Area Public Schools consists of the communities of Balaton, Tracy, Amiret, Garvin, Currie, Lake Sarah, and Lake Shetek. Each community plays an important role in supporting our proud district, which has a reputation for excellence in education and extra-curricular activities.

Whether your child is beginning their educational journey in kindergarten or entering their final year of high school, we are excited to partner with you to ensure a year filled with learning, growth, and meaningful experiences.

Tracy Area Public Schools has a proud tradition of educational excellence. Many students that graduate from TAPS have gone on to make remarkable contributions to society and have distinguished themselves in life, work, and community service. TAPS has high expectations not only in the classroom and extra-curricular activities but also puts a strong emphasis on character, kindness, empathy and positive leadership.

I am very excited to reconnect with returning students and meet all the new incoming students and families as we start the 2025-2026 school year. Please don't hesitate to visit with me at school activities, community functions and at school when you have a chance. I want to continue to build positive relationships with everyone as we work together to provide a quality education to our children. I am looking forward to seeing all our students on the first day of school on Tuesday, September 2, 2025! Once a Panther, always a Panther!

Respectfully,

Chad Anderson

Dr. Chad Anderson
TAPS Superintendent

Information Included

The “Spotlight” will not be mailed home, but will instead be available on the Tracy Area Public School District web page at www.tracy.k12.mn.us. If you would like a printed copy of the “Spotlight” copies will be available in both the Tracy Area Elementary School and Tracy Area High School offices on request.

Information in the online “Spotlight” includes:

- Superintendent Welcome
- Important dates
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- Dining Service Information 2025-2026
- Immunizations/Keeping Your Student Healthy and Ready to Learn
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- From the Desk of Secondary Principal Dibble: Welcome / TAHS Handbook Definitions / Student Absences / Truancy / Pertinent Information
- High School Testing Schedule 2025-2026
- TAHS School Song
- Participation Fees & Admission Charges / School Loyalty & Sportsmanship /TMB Spectator Code
- Bus Safety Rules / Locker Reminders / Report Can Information
- Parents’ Right-To-Know / Asbestos Notification / Notice of Destruction of Special Education Records
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) / General Notice for Parents or Guardians / Indoor Air Quality Notification.

- Privacy and Access to School Records / General Information
- TAPS 2025-2026 Calendar

I am very excited to reconnect with students and parents as we start another year. Please don't hesitate to visit with me at school activities, community functions, and at school when you have a chance.

Student Orientation


New Student & Seventh Grade Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20th from 5:30-7:00 pm at the High School cafeteria. Topics covered will include technology, schedules, health information, TAHS student handbook updates and general topics pertaining to all new TAHS learners. Tours of the school will be given after the informational portion of the meeting. Small groups will be shown around the building by TAHS staff and TAHS underclassmen.

All students entering grades 8-12 may come to the High School from **8am-2pm on Wednesday August 27th & Thursday August 28th** to receive schedules, purchase locks, and for seniors to choose locker assignments.


Tracy students in grades 11-12 will have open campus noon hour privileges. Parents will be required to give permission to allow students to leave campus during the noon hour. Permission forms will be available to students at the END of the first day of school. School owned locks are required to be used by all students. Locks may be purchased in the office for \$8.00.

Important Dates

	Day /	Date	Time /	Grades
Elementary Open House	Wednesday	August 27th	4:30-6:30 pm	TK - 6
Elementary Band Sign up	Wednesday	August 27th	4:30-6:30 pm	5 th Grade
New Student Orientation	Wednesday	August 20th	5:30-7:00 pm	New Students & 7 th Grade



High School Computer Distribution
Wednesday August 27th
9am-12pm or 4pm-7pm



Front Door Security

At Tracy Area Public Schools, the safety of our students remains our highest priority. We continually evaluate and update our school safety plans to ensure a secure learning environment for all.

High School Procedures (Door #1)

During school hours:

- You may enter the vestibule at Door #1.
- To proceed further, you must request access to the office using our security system.
- Once in the office, you will be required to check in, wear a visitor badge, and be escorted to your destination within the building.

Elementary School Procedures (Door #1)

During school hours:

- Press the button at Door #1 to request entry.
- Our school secretary (or other staff) will view your image on the screen and ask for your name and reason for visiting.
- Once verified, they will unlock the door remotely, allowing you to enter the building and report directly to the office.

We understand these procedures may cause a brief delay, but we appreciate your cooperation as we work to protect our students.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our safety procedures, please contact:

- **Mr. Munson** at the Elementary School
- **Mrs. Dibble** at the High School

Thank you for supporting school safety at Tracy Area Public Schools.

What is important at Tracy Area Public Schools

Online Registration for 2025-2026

We are asking all families to update their family registration online within JMC rather than filling out paper forms. When you visit our [JMC Parent Portal](#), make sure to change the year to **2025-2026**.

If you do not know your parent login information, please contact your school office through email or phone:

High School Office 507-629-5500

Kim Torkelson

torkelsonk@tracy.k12.mn.us

Elementary School Office 507-629-5518

April DeSchepper

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Register for 2025-2026 is listed on the left hand side. If a section does not lead you back to the start or if you are interrupted and unable to complete it in one sitting, clicking on Register for 2025-2026 will allow you to pick up where you left off.

You will need to complete the following:

- Ancestry Form
- Custom Fields
- Health Custom Fields
- Digital Equity for each student.

In the Sign forms section, some will require you to sign for yourself, and some will require your student's signature.

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE EVERY FAMILY TO FILL OUT THE

[Application for Educational Benefits.](#)

Even if you do not qualify for benefits, filling out the form helps us as a district.



ADDITIONAL FAMILY BENEFITS BASED ON APPLICATION:

- Discounted school fees such as technology, athletic, AP Testing and more
- Title I program funding
- District can qualify for funding and programs through your participation

This **MUST** be completed yearly to continue receiving benefits.

[Application for Educational Benefits](#)

Paper copies are available by request in the school office.

Education Credit

In Minnesota, there are two main educational tax benefits for families with children in grades K-12: the K-12 Education Credit and the K-12 Education Subtraction. The credit is refundable and reduces your state income tax or increases your refund, while the subtraction reduces your taxable income. Both require a qualifying child who is enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade. You may find more information located [here](#).

\$\$ Save Your Receipts \$\$

Staff Directory

BOARD OF EDUCATION			PARAPROFESSIONALS		
Jody Bauer	Vice Chairperson		Denise Birman	Ele	Spec Ed
Rod Benson	Chairperson		Cheryl Bitker	Ele	Spec Ed
Jay Fultz	Director		Brianna Bruder	HS	Spec Ed
Taylor Hoffbeck	Director		Kristina Daniels	Ele	Spec Ed
Jeff Knott	Director		Rhonda Fredricks	Ele	Spec Ed
Nicole Swanson	Director		Sheila Fultz	Ele	Spec Ed
Ryan Verlinde	Director		Teresa Goettig	HS	Spec Ed
			Rhonda Fredricks	Elem	Kindergarten
ADMINISTRATION			Shana Jackson	Ele	Spec Ed
Chad Anderson	Superintendent		Macey Jo Kruger	Ele	Spec Ed
Mandy Dibble	High School Principal		Jessica Kruse	HS	Spec Ed
Michael Munson	Elementary Principal		Jessica Lamb	Ele	Spec Ed
			Alva Maeyaert	Ele	Spec Ed
TECHNOLOGY COORDINATORS			Porsha Martinez	HS	Spec Ed
Craig Polkow	Technology Coordinator		Kylie Meyer	Ele	Spec Ed
Katie Gervais	Technology Coordinator/Testing Coordinator		Tiffany Molitor	Ele	Kindergarten
			Staci Staufacker	Ele	Spec Ed
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS			Amber Sundahl	HS	Spec Ed
J. Jurgens	School Psychologist		Mary Sweetman	HS	Spec Ed
			Jessica Swenhaugen	TK	Spec Ed
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR			Mai Thor	Ele	ESL
Bill Tauer	Activities Director		Jennifer Towne	Ele	Kindergarten
			Jessica VanDam	Ele	Spec Ed
SCHOOL NURSE					
Ashley Swan	School Nurse		GREATER MN COUNSELING SERVICES		
			Brad Bakken	HS Mental Health Practitioner	
SPEECH PATHOLOGIST			Sara Greenway	Elem Mental Health Practitioner	
Sara Delaney	Speech Pathologist		Cassandra Johanson	Elem Mental Health Practitioner	
Kimberly Starz	Speech Pathologist				

ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTORS	
Amy Anderson	6th Grade
Wanda Apperson	Special
Casie Bangasser	5th Grade
Shannon Benson	Elem
Ashley Buysse	2nd Grade
Suanne Christensen	Interventionist
Erin Dahmes	Transitional
William Dean	2nd Grade
Shelbi Grimley	1st Grade
Rick Haberman	Phy Ed/Adaptive PE
Nancy Jones	Title
Jennifer Kainz	Special Education
Shalayna Knapper	3rd Grade
Kali Lanoue	Kindergarten
Kelly McConnell	5th/6th Grade
Susan Meyer	1st Grade
Lisa Monson	Kindergarten
Jessica Novosad	Interventionist/ESL
Lucas Novosad	5th/6th Grade
Sondra Nyquist	Special Education
Brittany Peterson	5th/6th Grade
Samantha Prahm	4th Grade
Kaitlin Rohlik	Kindergarten
Julie Rohling	4th Grade
Kristi Salmon	3rd Grade
Lisa Schaar	Title
Emily Stahl	2nd Grade
Amber Tietz	1st Grade

ECFE/LITTLE PANTHER PRESCHOOL		
Kari Landuyt	Little Panthers Teacher	
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Kayla Mercie	Little Panthers	Paraprofessional
Shannon Smith	Little Panthers	Paraprofessional
Stacy Stefanick	Little Panthers	Paraprofessional

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Donna Caron	Elementary	Media
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Tonya Duscher	Finance Officer	
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Kimberly Torkelson	High School	Secretary
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COOKS		
Beverly Eliason	High School	
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Jordawn Sundahl	High School	
Hunter Willhite	Elementary	
Melissa Willhite	Elementary	
Altagracia DeRoush Zapata	High School	

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Mitchel Buerkle	Math
Karl Campbell	Industrial Technology
Muriel Coulter	Interventionist
Katelyn Elton	Band
Kari Fransen	English
Alex Greenway	Academic Advisor
Marie Hanson	English
Wendy Johnson	Vocal/Art
Jason Kainz	Special Education/PE/Health
Heather Kamrud-Rice	Science
Ty Kemp	PE/Health
Stephanie Kor	Social Studies
Ryan Kruse	Math
Amy Larsen	Math
April Laubenthal	Science
Mary Leach	FACS/Ag Education
Olivia Paumen	Special Education
Elizabeth Rupp	Vocational Ag
Amy Rubin	Science
Stacy Schuh	Business/Technology
Taryn Wittenberg	Social Studies
Dan Zimansky	Special Education

CUSTODIANS		
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Thad Lessman	Elementary	
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Morgan Yackley	High School	
Chayse Ramirez	Elementary	

TRANSPORTATION/GROUNDS		
John Brandt	Transportation Supervisor	
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Jim Christian	Grounds	

BUS DRIVERS	BUS#
Amanda Berger	1
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Steve Pool	3 (PM)
Randy Brandt	4
Lee Berlin	5
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August 4, 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer spending time with family and friends. School starts on September 2, 2025 and we are all very excited to reconnect with last year's students and meet new students to our district!

This letter is to inform you about "E - Learning Days" for students in grades K-12 at TAPS during the 2025-2026 school year. An E - Learning day is used in place of a school day that has been cancelled due to inclement weather. An E - Learning day means that students will complete learning activities and assignments provided by the teacher at home. Students will receive learning activities and assignments for each subject that would have originally taken place during a regular school day.

The school will notify all parents and staff through the "JMC Alert System" that is already utilized about the "E - Learning Day". The message sent will read/say that this snow day is a "E - Learning Day".

I have included "E - Learning Day" frequently asked questions below. This information will also be posted on the district web site under "links for parents". If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher, building principal, or me (Superintendent Anderson) with any questions.

Respectfully,

Chad Anderson

Chad Anderson, Ed.D.
TAPS Superintendent

Frequently Asked Questions regarding “E - Learning Day”

What is an “E - Learning Day”?

An E-Learning day is used in place of a school day that has been cancelled due to inclement weather. An E-Learning day means that students will complete learning activities and assignments provided by the teacher at home. Students will receive learning activities and assignments for each subject that would have originally taken place during a regular school day.

Why is the Tracy Area School District exploring and preparing for the use of “E-Learning Day”?

Historically, winter weather in southwest Minnesota can be persistent and disruptive. Now, in the 2025-2026 school year, it seems that with the resources available and if prepared for carefully, we can mitigate the disruptiveness our winter weather can have on student learning. The core mission for the Tracy Area Public School District is “Learning as a Lifestyle” and that student achievement matters. In providing students and teachers more opportunities for learning and the ability to provide learning without disruption during snow days is consistent with our district’s focus on student achievement. Additionally, an E-Learning day reinforces 21st century job and post-secondary educational opportunities for working and learning remotely. The viability and continuation of this type of flexible learning option as an alternative to a snow day will be reviewed.

How will we be notified that a “snow day” is an “E-Learning Day”?

The school will communicate to all parents and staff through the “JMC Alert System” that is already utilized. In the message sent it will read that this snow day is an “E-Learning day”.

What about two hour late starts and when school closes early? Will those days also be a “E - Learning Day”?

No. In the event of two hour late starts and early dismissals, a digital learning day will not be expected. Specifically, students and staff are typically either getting to school or going home during those school hours missed and assignments and activities are not expected for either students or staff.

What about Pre-Schooler’s and an “E - Learning Day”?

No expectations for preschoolers to complete activities on an E-Learning snow day. In the event of two hour late starts and early dismissals, a E-Learning snow day will not be expected.

What happens if a student does not complete the “E - Learning Day” assignments?

Students would have the E-Learning day (plus one additional day) to complete assignments. Students are expected to complete assigned work in a timely manner. Parents should contact their child’s teacher if there are extenuating circumstances that prohibit your child from completing the assignment satisfactorily.

What if a 7-12 student does not have access to a computer and/or internet to access the lesson or complete activities?

The student can obtain the assignment in a hard copy or electronic version during the next regular school day. Either way, students will have 1 additional day to complete the required learning activities and assignments.

What if a student is on a pre-arranged absence?

The student would be expected to make up the learning activities and assignments just as if it were any other absence from school.

How is a student expected to complete the activities if they go to day care when there is an “E-Learning Day”?

The school district plans on providing daycare facilities with these activities. If the student cannot access the internet or gain hard copy of the learning activities and assignments to their daycare for that day, they would have an added school day to complete them.

How much time is my student expected to take to complete the assignments?

Teachers have designed learning activities and assignments that are equivalent in time to a regularly scheduled class period. Students working independently on an assignment will likely take less time to complete the assignment compared to a large group setting. Estimated around 15-20 minutes per assignment per subject.

Will the school building be closed on a “E-Learning Day” to students as it is on a regular snow day?

Yes. The school district buildings will be closed to students and activities on an “E-Learning ”.

Will staff be accessible during and “E-Learning Day”? And if so, how?

Yes. The school district staff are expected to be contacted through their school email, which can be found on our school website or in the take home folders. Schoology may be utilized mostly by 7th-12th grade students and staff. Staff are expected to be available during school hours or 8:00 a.m. until 3:40 p.m. Staff may not respond immediately to questions, but are expected to respond in a timely manner. If students struggle with an assignment because they can't contact with a staff member due to lack of internet connectivity, they would still be allowed 1 day to make up their work.

What if there is only one computer in the house but multiple students?

Students may need to share resources in the home or other locations. Some students may want to work on offline options while others complete online assignments. Students in grade 9-12 would be expected to use the district-assigned lap top which may help alleviate the demand on the home computer. The public library is also an option for in-town students that could get there safely. Early elementary students will have Academic “Bingo” worksheets to complete. These will be placed in student folders at the beginning of the year, available on that teacher's online web site, and handed out to all the day cares in the district.

May a student access the assignments or complete the online assignments from their Smartphone?

Teacher websites can be accessed from a variety of tablets, Smart phones, laptop and desktop computers. The assignments may use a variety of websites and applications that may or may not work from a variety of devices.

Will there still be make-up dates built into the district calendar?

Yes, make-up dates will continue to be added to the end of the district calendar. An E-Learning day is an option that may be used in place of one or more cancelled school days or make-up days but may not be used for all cancelled school days in any given school year. Our plan is not to have two E-Learning days in a row until we can reflect on how this works.

Other questions?

If there are other questions, please don't hesitate to ask and we can add them to the frequently asked questions list.

Elementary News and Views by Michael Munson, TAES Principal

I would like to welcome back all Tracy Elementary Students and Parents. We have several new students and staff members this year. We look forward to the opportunity of being a part of your child's education.

We are happy to be able to have access to our building for the full summer for the first time in 3 years. Our major change for the year will be a major one, we will be starting a brand new Language Arts Curriculum (K-6). The new curriculum is CKLA and is tied with the LETRS training our staff has been working on for the past couple of years. We are excited for the changes and how it will help your kids with reading and writing .

One of the biggest indicators of the success of children academically, is the level of parent involvement in their education. Parents remain the main educator in their children's lives. We strive to work together with you to create the best base of knowledge to grow upon. Please check with your child daily on what they did at school, and whether they have material to read or work on at home.

At TAES, we strive to develop the whole child. We believe that Character Education is an important factor in developing our students. Every Friday, students will be spending an hour talking about different character count traits.

Communication between home and school is necessary to create the best learning environment for your children. Please email or contact the teacher or office with any questions throughout the year.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education! Looking forward to a great year!

Michael Munson
TAES Principal

2025-2026 Elementary Testing Schedule

Test	Date	Purpose	Source of Requirement	Estimated Time	Published Estimated Time/Format
FastBridge – Elementary (Grades K-6)	September 8-12	District determined optional assessment	District decision	30 min each subject	Next day/sent at request of teacher or parent
NWEA – Grade 5 Science	October 7	District determined optional assessment	District determined optional assessment	60 min	Pick up at Parent / Teacher Conferences
FastBridge – Elementary (Grade K-6)	January 12-16	District determined optional assessment	District decision	30 min each subject	Pick up at Parent / Teacher Conferences
ACCESS Testing Window	January 26 – March 18 (open until 20 but school is closed 19 & 20)	To annually assess English language proficiency of all English learners	ESEA	30-60 min each subject	Official scores arrive in August. Sent home with students or mailed before Parent Teacher Conferences.
NWEA – Grade 5 Science	February 10	District determined optional assessment	District determined optional assessment	60 min	Pick up at Parent / Teacher Conferences
Reading, Math & Science MCA begins Reading & Science Alternate begins Math MTAS begins	March 2				
MCA Reading (Grades 3, 4 & 6) MCA Math (Grade 5)	April 13 & 14 (5&6) April 15 & 16 (3&4) Makeups (April 17)	To measure achievement on the Minnesota Academic Standards and District determined optional assessment	Minnesota Statutes 120B.30 District decision ESEA	Reading: 2 hours Math: 2.5 hours Science: 2 hours	Official scores arrive in August. Pick up at Parent / Teacher Conferences
MCA Reading (Grade 5) MCA Math (Grade 3, 4 & 6)	April 20 & 21 (5&6) April 22 & 23 (3&4) Makeups (April 24)				
MCA Science (Grade 5)	April 28 & 29 Makeups (April 30)				
Reading & Math MCA, Reading & Science Alternate and MTAS Math end	May 1				
Science MCA ends	May 8				
FastBridge – Elementary (Grade K-6)	May 4-8	District determined optional assessment	District determined optional assessment	30 min each subject	Sent home with report card

Important Dates to Remember



August 27th 4:30pm to 6:30pm Open House TK - 6th gr

AUGUST 26-28TH TEACHER WORKSHOPS

September 2nd First Day of school

October 13th & 23rd Parent Teacher Conferences

February 26th & March 5th Parent Teacher Conferences



Picture Dates:

**ELEMENTARY
SEPTEMBER 18TH**

**HIGH SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 11TH**

2025-26 Tracy Elementary School Supply List

ALL STUDENTS ARE RECOMMENDED TO HAVE A SET OF BACKUP CLOTHING IN THEIR LOCKERS.

HEADPHONES REQUIRED. Headphones are passed along to the next homeroom. \$5 if purchased from school
Tennis shoes and dress-code appropriate clothing for Phy Ed. Please label sweatshirts, jackets, hats & mittens.

TK — List will be mailed in August

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 Pencil Box (Plastic with Lid)
- 1 Large Backpack
- 1 24 ct. Crayola Crayons
- 2 8 ct. Crayola Crayons (Not Large/Jumbo)
- 1 Fiskars Child Scissors—Pointed Tip
- 1 10 ct. Broadline (not thin) Crayola Washable Markers
- 24 Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 1 1" Binder with pockets on inside (Round rings Not D-Shape)
- 1 Pack Expo Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Box of Kleenex
- 1 Clorox Wipes
- 1 Quart Size Slider Ziploc Bags
- All Updated Immunization Records

1ST GRADE

- 4 Boxes 24 ct. Crayola Crayons (1 per quarter)
- 1 Pencil Box (plastic with closing lid)
- 24 Glue Sticks
- 1 12 ct. Crayola Colored Pencils
- 1 Fiskars Scissors for Kids—Pointed Tip
- 1 Water Color Paint Set
- 1 #2 Ticonderoga Regular Size Pencils
- 1 Pack of Pencil Top (cap) Erasers
- 1 Box Crayola Washable Markers
- 1 Wide-Lined Spiral Notebook
- 1 Pack Fine Line (small tip) Dry Erase Markers (All Black)
- 3 Boxes of Kleenex/Tissues
- 1 Container Clorox Wipes
- Girls 1 Box Quart Size Slider Ziploc Bags
- Boys 1 Box Gallon Size Slider Ziploc Bags
- \$5 per family for Folders & Other supplies as needed

2ND GRADE

- 1 3-Hole Pencil Pouch
- 2 24 ct. Crayola Crayons
- 12 Glue Sticks
- 1 Scissors
- 1 Bottles Elmer's Glue
- 1 8 ct. Colored Pencils
- 2 8 ct. Markers
- 2 Wide-Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- 1 Package Pencil Top Erasers
- 24 Ticonderoga Pencils
- 2 Black Sharpies Fine Point
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex/Tissues
- Boys 1 Box Quart Size Slider Ziploc Bags
- Girls 1 Box Gallon Size Slider Ziploc Bags

3RD GRADE

- 1 Twistable Colored Pencils (Plastic)
- 1 Pkg. #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)
- 1 Pkg. Pencil Top Erasers
- 1 Large Eraser
- 6 Glue Sticks
- 1 Scissors
- 1 24 ct. Crayola Crayons
- 1 Yellow Highlighter
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Large Zippered Pencil Pouch
- 1 Wide-Rule Notebook (Plain Cover)

Choose 1 or more of the following to share with the class:

- Crayola Markers
- Colored Sharpies
- Ziploc Bags
- Laminating Pouches
- Large pack of Ice Breakers Gum
- Large Bag of Lifesavers
- Black Fine Point Sharpies
- Large Bottle of Hand Sanitizer

4TH GRADE

- 3 Composition Wide-Ruled Notebooks (Not spiral)
- 2 18 ct. Twistable Colored Pencils (Not Crayons)
- 6 Glue Sticks
- 1 Scissors
- 2 Different Colored Highlighters
- 1 Crayola THIN Washable Markers (8 or 10 ct.)
- 1 Crayola Washable Markers (8 or 10 ct.)
- 1 Pencil Pouch—Large Zippered (No plastic box)
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 8 Expo Black Fine Dry Erase Markers

Choose 1 or more of the following to share with the class:

- Clorox Wipes
- Ream of 8-1/2 x11 White Cardstock (preferred)
- Black Ultra-Fine Sharpies
- Bottle of Hand Sanitizer

5TH GRADE

- 3 Spiral 1-Subject Notebooks w/ Pockets
- 2 Folders
- 2 3-Ring Binders (1")
- 1 Pkg. 5-tab Dividers
- 1 Pkg. Wide-Ruled Loose-Leaf Paper

6TH GRADE

- 3 Spiral 1-Subject Notebooks w/ Pockets
- 3 Folders
- 2 3-Ring Binders (1")
- 1 Pkg. 5-tab Dividers
- 1 Pkg. Wide-Ruled Loose-Leaf Paper

BOTH 5TH & 6TH GRADES

Please consider purchasing new headphones or send \$5 for a new pair.

- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Zippered Pencil Bag (Not Hard)
- 2 Rolls of 1" Masking Tape
- 2 Fine Point Black Sharpies
- 2 Ultra-Fine Point Black Sharpies
- 1 Pkg. Colored Pencils
- 1 Pkg. Crayola Markers
- 1 Box of Crayola Crayons
- 24 Pencils
- 2 Red Pens
- 1 Large Eraser
- 1 Package Pencil Top Erasers
- 2 Highlighters
- 1 Age-Appropriate Scissors
- 12 Glue Sticks
- 4 Expo Markers
- 1 Texas Instruments TI-30X IIS Scientific Calculator (good thru 8th grade)
- 1 8.5x11 Drawing Sketchpad (No Lines)
- Last Name (A-L): Gallon Sized Slider Ziploc Bags
- Last Name (M-Z): Quart Sized Slider Ziploc Bags





ECFE / LITTLE PANTHERS PROGRAM

Are you looking to meet other parents, exchange ideas on parenting, encourage your child's social interaction, and some quality time with your child? ECFE-Early Childhood Family Education –is a program that can give you all that and more! ECFE is for all families dual, single, step, grand and somewhere in between.

We provide a special place for you and your child!

~ Tracy Site ~

6:00 – 7:30 PM (Ages 2 – 5) Cost \$25

****Scholarships are available—no family will be excluded because of inability to pay.***

To register e-mail Amber at tietza@tracy.k12.mn.us or Susan meyers@tracy.k12.mn.us

Join us for the **Kickoff Thursday September 25th** -
watch the Tracy Headlight Herald
or "[Tracy Area Public School ECFE](#)" on [Facebook](#) for more details

Little Panthers is the School Readiness program for children ages 3 ½ - 5 .

Little Panthers is available at both the Balaton and Tracy sites.

Details about Little Panthers are available by contacting us by e-mailing: Kari at landuytk@tracy.k12.mn.us or Jackie at paradisj@tracy.k12.mn.us

Leave your name, contact information and a call will be returned to you.

ECFE / Little Panthers — Did you Know?

Startling Facts regarding Early Childhood.

By the time a child's five years old, 75% of physical brain development has occurred, yet less than 5% of public investments in education and development is spent during this period of a child's life.

Tennessee and other states build prisons according to the number of children who cannot read by the end of third grade, which can be predicted by the academic skills children have when they enter kindergarten.

How a child performs at age three predicts how that child performs at age 16 with 97% accuracy. Children's ability to recognize letters at 4.5 years predicts reading achievement in 1st grade (18 months later).

You can make a difference—Research shows that children who participate in high quality preschool programs benefit during those early years, upon kindergarten

entry, and for years to come. These children have higher reading and math scores, less grade retention, less special education, and higher high school graduation rates.

LITTLE PANTHERS Staff:

Director: Michael Munson

Early Childhood Teachers: Kari Landuyt, Jackie Paradis

Assistants: Kayla Mercie, Stacy Stefanick, Shannon Smith



Early Childhood Screening for 2025 - 2026

--Attention parents of Preschoolers.--

The early childhood years from birth to the start of kindergarten are an important time of rapid learning and growth. Early Childhood Screening (also known as Preschool Screening) is a quick and simple check of how children are doing between the ages of 3 to 4 years.

It checks for possible learning or health concerns at an early age so that children can get needed help before starting school. Early Childhood Screening is important for all children, and is required before starting kindergarten or preschool programs in Minnesota's public schools. Early Childhood Screening is offered throughout the year by Tracy Area Public Schools for all area families. The first screening date of the 2025 - 2026 school year is coming up in late September / early October.

If your child will turn 4 before January 1, 2026, and has not yet been screened, call the elementary school at 507-624-5518 to make an appointment to have your child screened in the fall 2025 screening session.





From the desk of Nurse Ashley Swan

IMMUNIZATIONS

Minnesota law requires written proof of certain vaccinations for children in school. However, if a child has a medical reason or if his/her parents are opposed to any or all of the vaccinations, a legal exemption is available. Please check that your child's vaccines are up to date. They may need to complete a series or receive a booster. Please contact Ashley Swan, district school nurse, by leaving a message or by email: SwanA@tracy.k12.mn.us.

New students to Tracy Public Schools should bring a copy of their immunization record with them when registering for classes.

Information about school immunization requirements is available at the Minnesota Department of Health website:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/readykidswhento.pdf>

[Immunization Record Form](#) - MN Dept of Health (state.mn.us)

MN Student Immunizations Law states that if records are not up to date, students can be suspended until vaccination record is current and meets the MN Student Immunization requirements.

IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR EMERGENCY MAKE SURE THE SCHOOL OFFICE CAN CONTACT YOU

Each year, families are asked to complete the annual registration forms for both elementary and high school students. Please complete the online registration for each child. Forms are available at the main office of each building as well.

Please complete/return these promptly, and keep this information updated throughout the year. Be sure to inform the school office immediately of any address changes, or changes in your home, cell or work numbers.

Also, be sure to include an alternate contact in case parents cannot be reached.

KEEPING YOUR STUDENT HEALTHY AND READY TO LEARN

Did you know learning new things is hard work? It is true—busy brains need fuel and they need rest periods to process information.

Starting the day with breakfast gives the brain the energy it needs to work best. Breakfast is available and served FREE to all students every morning *EXCEPT* weather related late starts.

Does your child get enough sleep? Kids aged 6-12 need 9 to 12 hours of sleep per night. Teens aged 13-18 need 8 to 10 hours per night. Sleep is critical to prevent: Type 2 Diabetes, Poor mental health, Injuries, and Attention or Behavioral Problems.



Tips for good sleep:

- Set bed and wake-up times at the same time each day, including weekends.
- Keep the bedroom quiet and a comfortable temperature.
- Remove electronics.
- Avoid large meals and caffeine before bedtime.
- Make sure kids are active during the day so they can fall asleep at night.
- Model good sleep behaviors for kids.
- Have a bedtime routine like taking a warm bath, brushing teeth, and reading a bedtime story.
- Turn the lights out at bedtime.

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Daily attendance is important for best learning and academic progress. But sometimes children get sick, and need to stay home. This helps them get the rest they need to get well, and it prevents spreading illness to others.

Please call the school office by 8:30 each day your child is kept home.

Students should be kept home from school when they have any of the following:

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher within past 24 hours (May return when child has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.)
- Vomiting or diarrhea within the previous 18-24 hours. (Student may return when have had no episodes of vomiting or diarrhea within last 18-24 hours, has no nausea, and appetite has returned.)
- Red eyes along with signs of white or yellow drainage.
- Undiagnosed rash together with not feeling well.
- Diagnosed with chicken pox.
- If an antibiotic (oral or drops) has been started. (May return after 24 hours from the first dose.)
- Symptoms of COVID-19 include: new onset cough or shortness of breath by themselves OR at least 2 of the following:
 - fever (100.4 F or higher), chills, muscle pain, sore throat, fatigue, congestion, loss of taste or smell, or
 - gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

COVID Updates for 2025-2026 School Year:

Please continue to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID at home and stay home if you are not feeling well. MDH and CDC guidelines and recommendations will be followed for the school year.

STUDENTS WITH ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES

If your child has a chronic illness such as asthma, diabetes, seizures, severe allergies, or any other ongoing health issue be sure to contact the school nurse. A yearly visit with the nurse is an important way to keep the school up to date with your child's needs.

Please ask your doctor for a note for the school with information about the current plan of treatment at the beginning of each year. This will be used to develop a plan for your child's needs during the school day.

If your healthcare provider changes the treatment plan during the school year, please bring a note from the doctor so the school plan can also be adjusted.

**** Parents are expected to alert bus drivers of any medical condition that may occur on the bus. ****

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

It is best if medications can be scheduled to be given outside of school hours. When medications are needed during the school day, the following guidelines are used to keep your child healthy and safe.

Prescription medications as well as over the counter medications used on a regular basis (3x/week or 4x/month) can be given at school when we receive a written prescription from the student's healthcare provider, as well as written permission from parent/guardian.

Medication permission forms are available in the main office and online. A note from your doctor's office can be used if it includes all necessary information. A new form is needed when the medication is changed or discontinued. Over the counter medications used according to label directions, label doses, and used less than 3x/week or less the 4x/ month can be given at school with just a written parent request. ALL medication must be in the original pharmacy container with the original label on it. The medication form and the pharmacy label information (including the name of the student) must match!

Medications should be brought to the school by the parent/guardian unless prior arrangements have been made. Medication is to be stored in the school nurse office. Students may not self-carry or self-medicate at school unless there is a physician's request for this. (Ex: asthma, diabetes, and migraine headaches are situations where self-medicating is most often used.)

VISION / HEARING SCREENING

The Minnesota Lions Club will be performing vision screenings for the school district with their Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screening system. The system is able to screen for: Nearsightedness, farsightedness, lazy eye, unequal pupil size, crossed eyes, unequal refractive power, and astigmatism. Hearing will be screened at this times as well by the school nurse.



TRACY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOOD SERVICE 2025-26

******Nothing will be charged to your account unless your student takes a second meal/entrée or milk. ******

Filling out the Free/Reduced form will be very important for you to do, as it will determine reduced fees for sports, SAT / ACT / AP and fine arts, among other ways that it will benefit our school district.

[Application for Educational Benefits](#)

We will provide **FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH** to **ALL STUDENTS** at both the **TRACY ELEMENTARY and HIGH SCHOOL**. In this economically challenging climate we urge parents to take advantage of this cost saving measure and have their children eat a nutritious FREE breakfast and lunch at school to help fuel their child up for a successful day.

2025- 2026 Costs for Meals

Students	<u>Hot Lunch</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>
Elementary	FREE	FREE
High School	FREE	FREE
Adults	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50

Seconds

Extra Breakfast	\$ 2.25
Extra Breakfast	\$ 2.25
Extra Milk	\$.45 per 1/2pint
Extra Entrée	\$ 2.00

PAY ONLINE: Go to the Tracy School District website. Access JMC Parent portal, choose LUNCH on left hand side. Click on : [Make Online Deposit \(Family Account\)](#) located under the JMC title. This will forward you to the “PaySchools” link where you can then access payment options.

1. If you have a negative balance from last year, you will still receive notices in the form of an email until it is paid.

2. If you would like a refund for the balance you have in your account please email Michelle at hawkinsonm@tracy.k12.mn.us and we will get that taken care of.

FREE LUNCHES: If a child chooses to take an extra carton of milk or entrée they will be charged the above noted prices for seconds. A child will be allowed to “charge” the extra second to their individual lunch account as long as it contains ample funds, if not they will be allowed to take the item if they pay cash. As a parent, if you wish your child NOT to be able to charge seconds to their family account, please email Michelle hawkinsonm@tracy.k12.mn.us and she will block the option for seconds in they system.

ALA Carte Line: Currently high school students have to pay cash to purchase items off of our Ala Carte Line. If you wish to allow your child to “charge” ala carte items to their family lunch account please email Michelle hawkinsonm@tracy.k12.mn.us and she will set this option up for them.

FARM to SCHOOL: Watermelon, fresh from the garden tomatoes, and peppers are just a few of the items that will be on our school menus this upcoming school year as we buy produce from local farmers and embrace the Farm to School program at both our elementary and high school. If you have a large garden and would be willing to sell or donate fresh fruit or vegetables, do not hesitate to get a hold of Michelle hawkinsonm@tracy.k12.mn.us .

[Policy 534 School Meal Policy](#)

- Families can check their student’s meal account balance via [JMC Account](#).
- Families can contact the Michele Hawkinson Food Service Director at 629-5511 or hawkinsonm@tracy.k12.mn.us for account balances.
- The Food Service Department will send a weekly e-mail to all parents advising them of the student meal account balance (\$) if the balance is \$-5.00 or below.
- The parent/guardian will be notified via phone call when the household account is at -\$25.00 or less per student.
- Food Service Department will encourage parents to complete the free/reduced-price meal application.
- A second request for payment is sent if parents have not responded to the first request, by email or phone call.
- A letter/invoice is sent via US Postal Service to the household requesting payment.



\$\$ Collection of Unpaid Meal Debt \$\$

When the student meal balance is -\$25.00 per student, the following collection actions will be taken:

- The Food Service Director will contact the household to request payment.
- The Food Service Director will contact the building principal if no payment is received.
- The building principal or their designee will contact the family and review with them their responsibility to provide meals for their student.
- If the lunch remains unpaid the superintendent will then contact the parents/guardians to discuss payment options.
- The expectation is all fees owed to the district will be paid in full on the last day the student will be attending classes.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 124D.111, Subd. 4

42 U.S.C. § 1751 et seq. (Healthy and Hunger-Free Kids Act)

7 C.F.R. § 210 et seq. (School Lunch Program Regulations)

7 C.F.R. § 220.8 (School Breakfast Program Regulations)

USDA Policy Memorandum SP 23-2017, Unpaid Meal Charges: Guidance and Q&A

USDA Policy Memorandum SP 46-2016, Unpaid Meal Charges: Local Meal Charge Policies (2016)

USDA Policy Memorandum SP 47-2016, Unpaid Meal Charges: Clarification on Collection of Delinquent Meal Payments (2016)

Contact Info: Michelle Hawkinson, Food Service Director

Email Address: hawkinsonm@tracy.k12.mn.us

Phone: Work – 507-629-5511, Cell – 507-530-8778

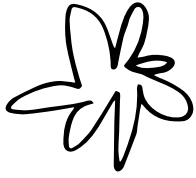
Mailing address for lunch payments:

Attn: Michele Hawkinson

Tracy Area Public High School

934 Pine Street

Tracy, MN 56175



Report Card Information

• Elementary School –

Report Cards are issued at the end of each nine week period for all students in grades TK-6. Conferences will be scheduled in October & February/March for students TK-6. Conferences may also be scheduled at any other times during the year when either the teacher or parent feel it is necessary.

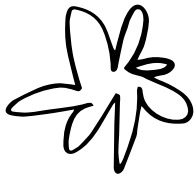
Conferences will be held October 13 & 23, 2025 and February 26 & March 5, 2026.

Please call 507-629-5518 if you wish to schedule a conference.

• Junior & Senior High School –

Reports cards will be issued at the end of each quarter. These can be picked up at the Academic Advisor's office or can be viewed online on JMC. At each midterm, grades may also be viewed on JMC. Conferences will be held October 13 & 23, 2025 and February 26 & March 5, 2026.

Parents may call the school (507-629-5500) and set up individual conferences if requested. Parent-teacher communication is a vital contributor to student success!





From the desk of Mrs. Dibble, Secondary Principal

Dear TAHS Families,

I am honored and excited to introduce myself as the new principal of Tracy Area High School. As we prepare to welcome students back for the 2025–2026 school year, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all families and a special greeting to those joining us for the first time.

I am looking forward to this school year and getting to know you all, as well as learning and growing with you. It's going to be a great year!

At TAHS, we are committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and challenging learning environment where every student feels valued and supported. Our staff is ready to partner with you to ensure that your child has a successful and meaningful year filled with academic growth, personal development, and opportunities to connect and belong. As an educator of twenty years and advocate for student success, I believe in the power of strong relationships, clear communication, and high expectations.

This year, we will focus on:

- Building a positive school culture rooted in respect, responsibility, and collaboration.
- Supporting all learners through engaging instruction and academic support systems.
- Responsibility and readiness by teaching students the importance of attendance, effort, setting goals, and follow-through.

Please keep an eye out for important dates including:

- New Student Orientation: Wednesday August 20th at 5:30 pm
- First Day of School: Tuesday September 2nd
- Homecoming: the week of September 29th through Oct 3rd

If you have a new student or an incoming seventh grader, please join us for the new student orientation on August 20th. We are excited to meet you and help make the transition to a new building easier with less nerves. You are also welcome to call the high school office and set up individual meetings or tours with your child to help prepare for the school year. Our partnership with you is essential to your child's success, and I look forward to meeting you and working together throughout the year.

If you ever have questions, ideas, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Here's to a great year ahead!

Warmly,

Mandy Dibble

Mandy Dibble

Principal, Tracy Area High School

507-629-5500

dibblem@tracy.k12.mn.us

2025-2026 High School Testing Schedule

FastBridge – High School (Grades 7-11)	September 15-16	District determined optional assessment	District decision	30 min each subject	Pick up at Parent / Teacher Conferences
ASVAB – HS (Juniors)	December 10	To provide Minnesota graduates information related to career and college readiness	District decision	3 hours	1-2 weeks/paper form/sent home with students
FastBridge – High School (Grades 7-11)	January 12-16	District determined optional assessment	District decision	30 min each subject	Pick up at Parent / Teacher Conferences
ACCESS Testing (Reading, Listening & Writing)	January 26 – March 18 (open until 20 but school is closed 19 & 20)	To annually assess English language proficiency of all English learners	ESEA	30-60 min each subject	Official scores arrive in August. Sent home with students or mailed before Parent Teacher Conferences.
Reading, Math & Science MCA begins Reading & Science Alternate begins Math MTAS begins	March 2				
ACT – HS (Juniors) Paper Test	March 10 March 24 - makeup	To provide Minnesota graduates information related to career and college readiness	Minnesota Statutes 120B.30	4 hours (with writing test) students can go home after test	End of May/paper form/sent home with students. Also access online
MCA Reading – (Grades 7, 8 & 10)	April 14-16 Makeups (April 17)	To measure achievement on the Minnesota Academic Standards and measure academic progress of students over time	Minnesota Statutes 120B.30 and ESEA	Reading: 2 hours Math: 2.5 hours Science: 2 hours	Official scores arrive in August. Sent home with students or mailed before Parent Teacher Conferences.
MCA Math – (Grades 7, 8 & 11)	April 21-23 Makeups (April 24)				
MCA Science – HS (Grade 8 & 10)	April 29 & 30 Makeups (May 1)				
Reading & Math MCA, Reading & Science Alternate and MTAS Math end	May 1				
Science MCA ends	May 8				
FastBridge – High School (Grades 7-11)	May 4-8	District determined optional assessment	District decision	30 min each subject	Sent home with report card

TAHS HANDBOOK Definitions

Student Absences:

When a student must be absent from class for illness, religious observation, or unforeseeable emergencies, parents must call or e-mail Tracy Area High School to inform the principal's office of the absence. This notification must be made on the day of the absence by 8:20 a.m. If it is not possible to contact the office by phone or e-mail, a written note with parent signature must be received by our office upon the student's return. If we do not receive a note, e-mail, or phone call, the absence will be considered unexcused and the student will be marked truant.

Students leaving the building at any time during the school day without notifying the principal or the secretary, to receive permission to leave, will be considered as skipping. The student must sign out with parent permission.

The school attendance policy and state law, in general, DO NOT accept the following as excused absences:

- Oversleeping
- Parents needing an errand performed

- Hair, nail and beauty appointments
- Friends or relatives visiting and/or needing a ride
- Pets needing care
- Shopping
- Missed bus, except in extremely severe weather
- Senior pictures
- Tux/dress fittings
- Transporting family/friends to appointments
- Other

Skipping, Tardies, and Unexcused Absences

Skipping class refers to intentionally and deliberately missing greater than 10 minutes without a valid excuse or permission from the TAHS Office. It involves the student's absence for the entirety of the scheduled class period. This behavior is a violation of school rules and policies and is subject to disciplinary action. Skipping is an unexcused absence.

Being tardy to class means arriving late for a class session. Tardiness implies that the student was present for at least a part of the class period, but arrived after the designated start time. If a student arrives within the first ten minutes of class without a valid pass, they are considered tardy no matter whether they are excused or unexcused. Arrival after 10 minutes would then become an absence.

An unexcused absence refers to a student absence from class that is not justified or excused by the school. The parent/guardian may call and request the student to leave for any given reason, but absences will be classified according to this handbook definition. Example: parents or guardians may call and give a reason for a student to be gone from school, but the absence might still be UA (unexcused absent) if the criterion for excused absence is not met. The child may still leave campus and no disciplinary action would be given.

Key differences between skipping class and being tardy to class:

Absence vs. Lateness: Skipping class involves an absence from class for greater than 10 minutes, while being tardy means arriving late but still attending a portion of the class.

Intentionality: Skipping class is a deliberate act of choosing not to attend, indicating a lack of interest or desire to participate in the class. Being tardy, on the other hand, may result from factors such as traffic, oversleeping, or other unforeseen circumstances, and may not necessarily be intentional.

Disciplinary Action: Skipping class is generally viewed as a more serious offense and often carries stricter consequences. TAHS Administration will begin by assigning detention in 45-minute increments for skipping a class. Being tardy, while still considered a violation, will be handled slightly differently. Students would be given warnings, and detention that equates to 45 minutes after three TU (Tardy Unexcused).

Impact on Learning: Skipping class deprives students of the opportunity to participate in discussions, receive important instructions, and engage in collaborative activities or lectures, potentially affecting their academic progress. Being tardy, although disruptive to the learning environment and potentially missing some information, still allows the student to participate and catch up on missed material.

It is important for students to prioritize attending class regularly and being punctual, as both skipping class and being tardy can negatively impact their education and academic performance.

Truancy:

A student absent from school for reasons other than illness or those not given prior approval by the building principal shall be considered truant. When a student has more than seven unexcused absences, the local social services will be notified.

All students in Grades 7 - 12 are required to purchase a lock from TAHS.

The cost of the lock is \$8.00.

Use of Lockers - A reminder that the lockers in the buildings are the property of the Tracy Area Public Schools and are provided for the storage of student property and school property. The use of the lockers does not cause the school to become liable for damaged or lost property that was stored in the lockers. Please keep your valuables at home or ask the school secretary to store them in the vault.

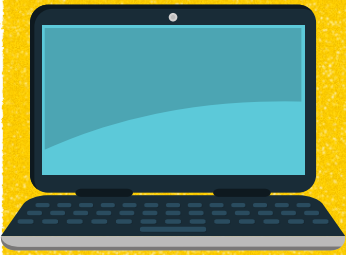
Each student is assigned a locker to store coats, books and other equipment. Students in physical education and athletics must secure a portable combination lock to safeguard their equipment in the locker room. However, the locker door must be closed and the lock properly attached and locked to provide the desired protection.

DO NOT BRING VALUABLES TO SCHOOL



Mark your calendar:

**The first day of school is
Tuesday September 2, 2025
Class Starts at 8:02 a.m.**



High School Computer Distribution

Wednesday August 27th

9am-12pm or 4pm-7pm



Attention Parents and Students:

Distribution of high school computers will occur before the start of the 2025-2026 school year!

This distribution allows students to familiarize themselves with their devices and prepare for all learning activities as soon as school begins.

Important Details for Computer Pickup:

Date: **Wednesday, August 27th, 2025**

Time: **9am-12pm; 4pm-7pm**

Location: **High School Gym and High School Cafeteria** (staff and signs will be posted to direct students/parents where to go)

Parental Involvement: Parents are encouraged to attend the pickup with their student and ask any questions about device use.

Requirements:

- Student Presence Required: Laptops will only be distributed **directly to the individual student**. You can't pick up for your student or for your sibling; each student will be required to login to their device before they leave.
- Completed Technology Agreement Form:
 - This form must be **signed by both parent and student(s)**. This can be completed during the online student registration process or clicking on this [link](#) and downloading the form, filling it out and bringing it to computer pickup.
 - The form must be checked if your family is planning on using their own insurance or the school's insurance. If using the school's insurance, you must pay on August 27th to receive student computer. (You only have to fill out one form per family but all students must sign that form as well as parent) ***Note there is special pricing for families as well as free and reduces families.
- Purchase a lock from the school to lock your computer during the day. You may purchase one this day as well.
- Backpack. You may choose to use the school issued backpack or use your own. If using your own backpack, bring your backpack with you because it must be approved by the tech department before you can leave with your computer.

o Outstanding Debt paid: Students must have no outstanding debt from the previous year's computer damage. Bills were sent out the week of Aug 4th. You can send payment ahead of time or the day of pickup.

Benefits of Early Pickup:

- Familiarity: Students can get comfortable with the device and software before classes start, reducing stress and enhancing learning.
- Equity: Ensures all students have access to the necessary learning tools from the beginning.
- Smoother Transition: Facilitates a smoother start to the school year, allowing teachers and students to focus on learning rather than device distribution.

We are looking forward to seeing you and if you have any questions, please contact the Tech Department at 507-629-5505.



Activities Registration

Parents/Guardians of students intending to participate in activities MUST complete this online registration process, be cleared for activity participation, and meet all eligibility requirements prior to engaging in any activity.

Please see registration options below!

If you need assistance with your online registration, please reach out to Arbiter Registration Support at 800-311-4060 or registration@arbitersports.com

Programs

Name	Dates	Price	Registration
MSHSL Athletic Registration 2025-26	Aug 11, 2025 - Jun 20, 2026	\$60-\$100	Open
MSHSL Fine Arts Registration 2025-26	Sep 08, 2025 - Apr 25, 2026	\$25-\$50	Open



The School District of Tracy Area Public Schools (TMB) uses GoFan for mobile ticketing and season passes for athletic events. Fans can purchase tickets and season passes online through their respective school's GoFan page, the GoFan App or by presenting a card or mobile payment option at the ticket gate. Season passes will no longer be printed on student ID's. All major credit cards are accepted, along with Apple Pay.

For Individual Tickets & Season Passes [CLICK HERE](#). Or Download the GoFan Mobile App. The links can also be found on our athletics website [Tracy Area Public Schools](#) – choose GoFan Tickets.

The new ticketing policy allows the school to operate a more efficiently while creating a safer and enhanced fan experience. Buying tickets online allows fans to access and share tickets easily by email or text without standing in line. It is the most commonly used mobile ticketing platform for high schools in our area, including several conference-wide agreements. You will notice the majority of opposing schools are using a mobile ticketing platform, and the MSHSL also uses GoFan for all their State Tournament ticketing. Fans are encouraged to buy tickets online prior to reaching the facility, however credit card and cash payments will be accepted on site at Tracy Area Schools for the 2025-2026 school year.

BEFORE THE EVENT

1. Purchase your ticket on the GoFan app or website.
2. Once you purchase your ticket online, you will get an order confirmation email and click on the "VIEW TICKET" on your mobile device. This can also be done in the app.
3. Pay attention to the important information shown on the confirmation screen!

AT THE EVENT

1. Prior to arriving at the gate, access your confirmation email or view the ticket in the mobile app and click on the "VIEW TICKET" on your mobile device.
2. Show your mobile device to gate personnel, who will validate your ticket for admission.
 - o **DO NOT** Validate your ticket prior to arriving at the gate. A staff member will validate your ticket. If you validate your ticket in advance, you may need to purchase another ticket.
3. Tickets CANNOT be printed. You must use your mobile device to access your ticket(s).

Additionally, you can visit the [GoFan How To Guide](#) to access videos for assistance, or can access these quick links below for step by step instructions.

- [How to Buy Tickets](#)
- [How to Use Tickets](#)
- [How to Transfer Tickets](#)





Participation Fees & Admission Charges

Participation Fees:

Sports: \$85.00 (Grades 9 - 12)

\$60.00 (Grades 7 - 8)

Plays / Senior High Knowledge Bowl \$40.00

Junior High Knowledge Bowl \$25.00

Speech \$50.00

Musical Instruments: Drums \$20.00 Other \$50.00

Admission Charges:

Game

Yearly

Student

\$5.00

\$25.00

Adult

\$8.00

\$85.00 (All seasons pass)

Couple


\$120.00 (All seasons pass)



Tracy Area High School School Song

sung to the tune of "Minnesota Rouser"

Panther High School;
Hats of to thee; To our colors:
True we will ever be;
Firm and strong; United are we;
Rah for Panther High tonight;
Rah, Rah, Rah, Rah:
Win, Panther High Tonight! (repeat)
P - A - N - T - H - E - R - S
Panthers, Panthers, Goooo Panthers !!



School Loyalty and Sportsmanship

Loyalty to Tracy Area High School means more than making a lot of noise at an athletic contest. It does mean that, but it also means conducting your self in such a way at all times so as to bring only honor and credit to your school and community. Whether right or wrong, nevertheless, it is true that most people judge your school, your community and your home by the way you act in public. That includes the way you conduct yourself in the classroom, in the corridors, in the study halls, in the auditorium, in the lunchroom, and at athletic contests - both home and away – as well as your conduct on the streets and at public gatherings. One or two careless students can hurt the reputation of all. Every student should be on guard at all times so the school may always gain prestige and honor. Let us be conscious of these at all times. Be courteous and considerate of new students and guests. Make them feel that we are happy to have them here. Conduct yourself at all times so that visitors to our building will see only that which they can praise.

THE TRACY/MILROY/BALATON SPECTATOR CODE

As a Panther spectator and fan, I will:

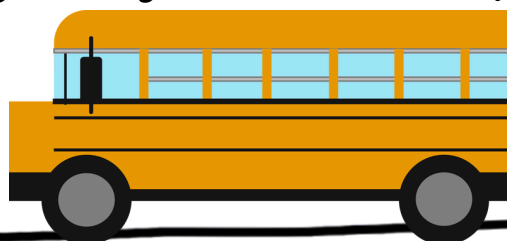
1. Realize that I represent the school just as definitely as does the member of a team and; therefore, have an obligation to be a true sportsman, encouraging through my behavior the practice of good sportsmanship.
2. Recognize that good sportsmanship is more important than victory by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill, and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and Fair play exhibited by either team.
3. Recognize that the primary purpose of interscholastic activities is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well being of the players through the medium of contest. Victory or defeat is, in reality, of secondary importance.
4. Treat visiting teams and officials as guests by extending to them every courtesy.
5. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
6. Respect the judgment and integrity of officials and coaches, realizing that their decisions are based on game conditions as they observe them.
7. Show respect during the National Anthem by singing it, or remaining silent, but in either case, standing at attention.

Bus Safety Rules

According to Minnesota Law and the Tracy Area Board of Education policy, riding the school bus is a privilege. Continued or serious misbehavior is a danger to the safety of all bus riders and can result in the loss of bus riding privileges and may result in other types of school discipline.

Listed below are guidelines for students to follow when riding a school bus. Bus drivers will also be informing students of specific rules for their bus route.

- 1. Students will obey the driver at all times.**
- 2. Students will be at the bus stop on time and remain in the safety zone until loaded.**
- 3. Students will cross the road in front of the bus.**
- 4. Students will show respect for the driver and the other passengers and will follow the rules set by the district and driver.**
- 5. Students will refrain from the use of profanity, suggestive language, and bringing nuisance items on the bus.**
- 6. Students will refrain from verbal and sexual harassing activities / comments.**
- 7. Students will remain seated when the bus is in motion.**
- 8. Students will keep head and hands inside the bus at all times.**
- 9. Bus aisles must be kept clear.**
- 10. Students will keep the bus clean.**
- 11. Students will know all safety and emergency procedures.**
- 12. Students will report damage to driver at once and students causing damage will be held responsible.**





Tracy Area Public Schools

Photo & Media Opt-Out Form

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Tracy Area Public Schools (TAPS), we celebrate our students' learning and achievements through various forms of media. This may include posting photos and videos on the district website, social media platforms, newsletters, yearbooks, newspapers, or other school-related publications.

If you **do not wish for your child's image, name, or schoolwork to be shared publicly**, please complete and return this form. If we do not receive an opt-out form, we will assume permission is granted for your child's image to be used in school-approved media.

Please read carefully and only submit if you wish to opt-out:

Under state and federal law, information a school district selects as directory information is considered information that can be released to the public without prior written parental consent.

Tracy Area Public Schools considers the following information as directory information:

Student's name, Age, Gender, Grade level, Dates of attendance, Participation in officially recognized activities, Weight and height of members of athletic teams, Degrees, honors and awards received, any photograph, video or recording of a student's likeness

A parent may elect to opt-out of the release of directory information by completing and submitting this form.

Please note that opting out of directory information means your child will NOT be included in items such as the yearbook, graduation programs, and district or local media stories.

I, as the parent/guardian, elect that Tracy Area Public Schools is NOT able to disclose directory information related to my child(ren) named below:

Student Information

- **Student Name:** _____
- **Grade (2025-2026):** _____
- **School Building:** Elementary High School Other: _____

- **Student Name:** _____
- **Grade (2025-2026):** _____
- **School Building:** Elementary High School Other: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

- **Parent/Guardian Name(s):** _____
- **Phone Number:** _____
- **Email Address:** _____

Opt-Out Agreement

By signing below, I **do not give permission** for Tracy Area Public Schools to use my child's name, photo, video, or schoolwork in:

- District websites
- District social media platforms (e.g., Facebook, Instagram)
- Newsletters or other publications
- Local newspaper/media
- Yearbook (Note: opting out of the yearbook may exclude your child from class photos and activity pages)
- All of the above

I understand that this opt-out form will remain in effect for the current school year unless I notify the school in writing of any changes. I further understand that this opt-out request does **not** apply to:

- Images captured during large public events (e.g., athletic games, concerts, graduation)
- Student records shared internally for educational or safety purposes

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this completed form to the school office.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your building principal or the district office. We appreciate your partnership and respect your family's preferences.

PARENTS' RIGHT-TO KNOW Parent Notification Letter

August 13, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Section 1111(h)(6) PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW, this is a notification from the Tracy Area School District to every parent of a student in a Title I school that you have the right to request and receive information in a timely manner regarding the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teachers. This information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teachers shall include the following:

- If the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas taught;
- If the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status in which Minnesota qualifications and licensing criteria are waived;
- The teachers baccalaureate degree major, graduate certification, and field of discipline; and
- Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

If at any time your student has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher that is not highly qualified, you will be notified by the school of this information. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the superintendent at 507-629-5500.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chad Anderson

TAPS Superintendent

Asbestos Notification

2025 - 2026 ANNUAL ASBESTOS

NOTIFICATION

The Tracy Area school district buildings have been inspected for asbestos containing materials. Both the elementary and the secondary building do not have any asbestos containing materials, but some of the buildings do have areas where asbestos is present. This material is in very good condition. A surveillance is done every six months, and all areas are inspected by a certified inspector every three years. An operation and maintenance program is used to keep the asbestos in good condition.

The inspection report and management plan is located in the district office area. For more information, contact Dr. Chad Anderson, TAPS Superintendent at (507) 629 – 5500.

Data Privacy Act

The Minnesota Student Data Privacy Act requires us to notify parents what software we are using within our school district. You can access the latest technology inventory immediately after you log into the [JMC Parent Portal](#). We actively work with technology providers to get Data Privacy Agreements to keep your student's data safe online. To learn more, you can visit [our district technology webpage](#).



Notice of Destruction Of Special Education Records

This is official notification that all student special education records will be destroyed 5 years after the student's 21st birthday or age 26.

At that time, the contents will be destroyed, with the exception of the following: student's name, address, phone number, grades, attendance and grade level completed.

Additionally, special education records will not be destroyed if there is an outstanding request for the record by the parent or eligible student.



General Notice for Parents or Guardians

August 13, 2025

Dear Parent or Guardian:

A Minnesota state law went into effect in year 2000 that requires schools to inform parents and guardians if they apply certain pesticides on school property.

Specifically, this law requires schools that apply these pesticides to maintain an estimated schedule of pesticide applications and to make the schedule available to parents and guardians for review or copying at each school office. [ALTHOUGH NOT RE-QUIRED BY THE LAW, SCHOOLS MAY CHOOSE TO INCLUDE A COPY OF THE ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS WITH THIS GENERAL NOTICE].

State law also requires that you be told that the long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood.

If you would like to be notified prior to pesticide applications made on days other than those specified in the estimated schedule (excluding emergency applications), please mail the request to:

Dr. Chad Anderson c/o Tracy Area School, 934 Pine Street, Tracy, MN 56175.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Dr. Chad Anderson at 507-629-5500.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chad Anderson

TAPS Superintendent

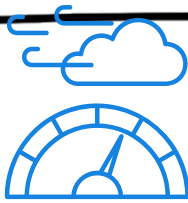


The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the School to amend a record should write the School principal [or appropriate school official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to privacy of personally identifiable information in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has outsourced services or functions it would otherwise use its own employees to perform (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. [Optional] Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer. [NOTE: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.]
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20202-8520





Indoor Air Quality Notification

The Tracy Area School District now has in place a program to monitor and improve indoor air quality at our school. The Tracy Area School District considers no objective more important than providing its employees, students, and visitors a healthy, safe environment. Because we believe that indoor air quality is essential to this objective we are sending this notification to inform parents, students and staff of our program to monitor and improve indoor air quality.

As part of the program implementation, an Indoor Air Quality Coordinator has been appointed. An annual walk-through will be performed by the coordinator to evaluate school facilities for obvious water intrusion, ventilation failures, structural problems, overall cleanliness, and the status of the Operations and Maintenance program. We have adopted the EPA's Tools for Schools, the guidelines contained therein will be used to evaluate all classrooms, ventilation systems, and building maintenance issues.

The District's response to parental concerns will be timely and direct. Parent's questions are always welcome.

If a concern would arise we ask you to contact, Steve Pool, Tracy Area's Indoor Air Quality Coordinator. The Coordinator will be able to assist in evaluating in and out of school situations. If you have any questions or concerns about this or any other health and safety program please contact us at (507) 629-5500.

Reminder Notes:

First Day of School ~ Tuesday September 2, 2025



Locks for all students must be purchased from the TAHS Office for \$8 - in order to be issued a school laptop, a school lock must be on the student's **blue locker.**



Parent Policy Notifications

[Policy #413 Harassment and Violence](#)

[Policy #419 Tobacco Free Environment](#)

[Policy #503 Student Attendance](#)

[Policy #505 Distribution of Nonschool Sponsored Materials on School Premises](#)

[Policy #506 Student Discipline](#)

[Policy #522 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy](#)

[Policy #526 Hazing Prohibition](#)

[Policy #524 Internet Acceptable Use](#)

[Policy #527 Student Use & Parking of Motor Vehicles](#)

[Policy #529 Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students](#)

[Policy #609 Religion & Religious & Cultural Observances](#)

[Policy #624 Online Learning Options](#)

[Policy #709 Student Transportation Safety Policy](#)



Teach us to remember the little courtesies, to be swift to speak the grateful and happy word, to believe rejoicingly in each other's best, and to face all life bravely because we face it with united heart.

Walter Russell Bowie Author, Educator 1882-1969 We Are Connected



“Privacy and Access to School Records”

All students' record will be treated in accordance with the provision of Public Law 93-380, passed by Congress in 1974, and Chapter 479 of the 1974 Session Laws of the State of Minnesota.

The school has on file information about students in the form of reports and files. Most of this information is not public information. Written requests are required to release most information to other people, agencies, or schools, with the exception of another public school in which you have already enrolled after transferring from this school. Written consent can be given by using a form available in the office of the principal or high school counselor, or by writing a letter to the office, requesting the transfer of such records

Some information is considered public information for the purpose of creating programs for activities, honor roll, graduation, etc. If information below is not considered Directory Information, your child may not be able to be listed for any extra-curricular or co-curricular activities, honors, awards, programs, etc. Directory Information is information about a student which may be released to the public without prior parent or student consent unless the parent or student, if the student is 18 or older, has objected in writing to the release of one or more categories of such information.

Directory Information will include the following:

Student's Name

Student's Gender

Date of birth

Names of student's parents

Participation in officially recognized activities and Past statistics

Grade levels completed

Weight & Height of members of athletic teams

Dates of Attendance

Degrees and awards received

The most previous education institution attended

Photo of student if available

Other similar information

According to the Federal Law, No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, school districts are required to provide the name, address, and telephone listing of secondary students to military recruiters upon request unless the parent has requested, in writing, the information not be released to military recruiters without prior consent.

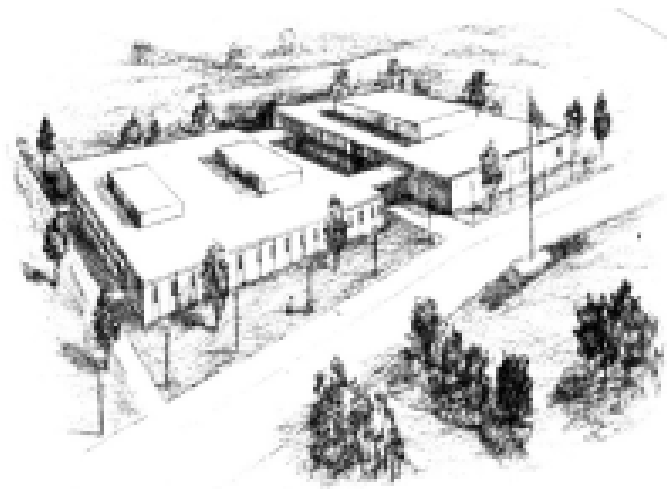
In order to make any or all of the Directory Information “private” (i.e., subject to consent prior to disclosure), the parent/guardian of student or the student, if 18 or older, must make a written request to the principal within thirty (30) days after receipt of this Student Handbook or notification.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chad Anderson,
TAPS Superintendent
507-629-5500



For The Next Generation
of Students



General Information

- **Tracy Area School District #2904**
 - **Tracy District Office** 934 Pine St, Tracy MN 56175
 - **Tracy High School** 934 Pine St, Tracy MN 56175
 - **Tracy Elementary School** 700 Fourth St South, Tracy MN 56175
- **Phone Numbers**
 - **High School** 507-629-5500
 - **Elementary School** 507-629-5518
 - **District Office** 507-629-5520
 - **Athletic Director/Community Ed** 507-629-5510
 - **Academic Advisor** 507-629-5500 X1102
 - **Kitchen** 507-629-5511
 - **Custodians** 507-629-5500 X2002
 - **Bus Garage** 507-629-5526
 - **High School FAX** 507-629-5507
 - **Elementary FAX** 507-629-5525



District Hours

Tracy Elementary
8:10am-3:08pm

Tracy Secondary
8:02am-3:00pm

School Board Meetings
3rd Monday of each month
6pm @ High School Meeting
Room

Tracy Area Public Schools 2025 - 2026 Calendar

July 2025						
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3 teacher & 0 student days

September 2025						
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21 teacher & 21 student days

October 2025						
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22 teacher & 21 student days

November 2025						
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18 teacher & 18 student days

December 2025						
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17 teacher & 17 student days

<p>August</p> <p>25 New Teacher Inservice</p> <p>26 Teacher Inservice</p> <p>27 Teacher Inservice</p> <p>28 Teacher Inservice</p> <p>September</p> <p>1 No School: Labor Day</p> <p>2 First Day of School (44 Days)</p> <p>October</p> <p>1 Quarter 1 Midterm</p> <p>16 EM MN Break</p> <p>17 EM MN Break</p> <p>13 K-12 P/T Conferences</p> <p>23 K-12 P/T Conferences</p> <p>November</p> <p>5 Begin Quarter 2 (43 Days)</p> <p>27 Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>28 Thanksgiving Break</p> <p>December</p> <p>5 Quarter 2 Midterm</p> <p>23 12:30 early dismissal</p> <p>24 Begin Winter Break</p>	<p>January</p> <p>No School 1</p> <p>No School 2</p> <p>School Resumes 5</p> <p>12:30 early dismissal 16</p> <p>Begin Quarter 3 (41 Days) 19</p> <p>MLK Day 19</p> <p>No School 30</p> <p>February</p> <p>Presidents Day(No School) 16</p> <p>Quarter 3 Midterm 18</p> <p>P/T Conferences 26</p> <p>March</p> <p>K-12 P/T Conferences 5</p> <p>Spring Break 19</p> <p>Spring Break 20</p> <p>Begin Quarter 4 (46 Days) 23</p> <p>April</p> <p>Easter Break 3</p> <p>Easter Break 6</p> <p>Quarter 4 Midterm 22</p> <p>May</p> <p>Memorial Day 25</p> <p>Last Student Day 28</p> <p>Staff Development 29</p> <p>Board Meetings: 6:00 p.m. start</p> <p>July 21, 2025. January 13, 2026.</p> <p>August 18, 2025. February 9, 2026.</p> <p>September 15, 2025. March 16, 2026.</p> <p>October 20, 2025. April 20, 2026.</p> <p>November 17, 2025. May 18, 2026.</p> <p>December 15, 2025. June 15, 2026.</p> <p>Special Board Meetings</p> <p>December 15, 2025. Truth in Taxation @ 6:05</p> <p>December 15, 2025. Adoption at 6:05</p> <p>Graduation: May 24, 2026</p> <p>P/T Conferences</p> <p>HS will start at 3:30</p> <p>ELEM will start at 3:45</p> <p>Snow make up days will be VLD days then Feb. 16, 2026</p> <p>Legend:</p> <p>Parent/Teacher Conferences</p> <p>No School in Session</p> <p>Teacher Staff Development, No School</p> <p>Start of Term</p> <p>End of Term</p> <p>Midterm</p>
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19 teacher & 19 student days

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19.5 teacher & 19 student days

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20 teacher & 20 student days

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20 teacher & 19 student days

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0 teacher & 0 student days

